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December Events in Your City

Library, Museum, Nature Center, Parks & Recreation

To see all of Troy's events and classes, visit the *Troy Today* magazine online at www.troymi.gov/troytoday, and the *City Calendar* at www.troymi.gov.

City Santa Sightings!

The City of Troy has advanced word on great opportunities for Santa Sightings! Mark your calendar:

Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 2, 7 pm
Veterans Memorial Plaza, City Hall

Children are invited to visit with Santa Claus after he lights our Christmas tree. Come sing carols along with the Athens High School Choirs. Hot cocoa provided by Kosch Catering and holiday sweets by local volunteers from Barnard and Hill Elementary schools. Free.

A Candy Cane Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 1-4 pm
Troy Museum
60 W. Wattles



Come to our red and white striped "Candy Cane" Village for a festive family celebration. Santa Claus arrives in his horse-drawn carriage at 2 pm to hear children's wish lists. Enjoy lots of fun, including music and cookies. Fresh garlands and hot cider donated by Troy Garden Club. **Fee: Adults \$3, Children (ages 6-17) \$2, Children (ages 0-5) are free.** Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois) ¼ mile South of Wattles and ride a free shuttle to the museum.

Fun With Santa

Saturday, December 5
9-10:15 am or 10:45 am-12 pm
Troy Community Center

Join Santa and his helpers for a holiday party! Children will make special projects for decorations, and see Santa. "Flutterby the Clown" will be there doing some fun face painting and, if time, balloon magic. Enjoy a small snack before Santa returns to the North Pole. **Fee: \$11 residents/ \$13 non-residents. Ages: 18 months - 6 years. Call 248.524.3484 for info or to register.**

Deer Santa

Saturday, December 12
9-11 am and 1-3 pm
Troy Nature Center

Come out and discover all about our local deer on our special "Reindeer Trail" outside at the Stage Nature Center. Inside, join Santa Claus as he tells a few tales about his reindeer and life at the North Pole. Talk with Santa personally, and receive a small gift from him. Children will also enjoy some cookies and juice, and make a seasonal craft. Please dress for the weather as part of this program occurs outside. Each child participating in the program must be registered. Parents and/or grandparents are free to remain with the child and are welcome to bring cameras for photos of their kids and Santa. **Ages: 3-8. Fee: \$14, non-residents; \$12 residents. Call 248.524.3567 for info or to register.**

New Year's Eve Extravaganza!

Thursday, December 31, 5:15 - 9:15 pm
Troy Community Center

You're invited to celebrate the New Year with crafts, games, open swim, inflatable castle, basketball, pizza, pop and goody bags for the kids. Enjoy a New Year's countdown with all the flair and hoopla in the gym (at 9 pm). Registration is limited. Participants must bring bathing suit towel and lock. **Ticket deadline: Dec. 29.** Fee: \$9 residents/\$11 non-residents for those ages 6 years and older; \$6 residents/\$8 non-residents if under age 6. Call 248.524.3484 for info or to register.

Community Center Indoor Pool Special Hours

Holiday Open Swim Hours

Dec. 24	8-10 am (adult lap and therapy) 10 am-1:30 pm (open swim)
Dec. 31	6-10 am (adult lap and therapy) 10 am-5 pm (open swim)

Additional Open Swim Times

Dec. 21, 23, 28, & 30	11:30 am-9 pm
Dec. 22, 29	11:30 am-8 pm

Museum & Historic Village Programs 248.524.3570

Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour--Silver Bells!

Wednesday, December 2, 10:30-11:15 am

Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale in our monthly program for little historians! A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child's visit complete.

Ages 2-5; must be accompanied by an adult. Phone registration is required.

Fee: Children FREE, Adults \$3.

Welcome Scouts, Campfire, YMCA

Saturdays at 10:30 am; other times by arrangement

Call to schedule your date for a special program for your group of children. There are several options:

Artifact Hunt & Buttermaking: Following this self-guided search, participants make butter to complement a crack snack. For grades K-2. Fee: \$5 per person.

Additional self-guided programs include the **Lincoln Discovery Hunt (grades 3-12)**, **Casell Family Hunt (preK-1)**, and **ABC Garden**. Visit is free with admission. Please call ahead to schedule.

Library Youth Services 248.524.3541

Graham Cracker Houses: December 3 @ 7 pm or December 5 @ 11:45 am or 2:30 pm

Decorating graham cracker houses with candies & frosting is a Library tradition! Come join in the fun! Register now. Limited space. Ages 5+

Technology Club: Friday, December 4 @ 4:15 – 5:30 pm

Share educational fun on the Internet. Register now. Ages 9+

Read to Andy the Therapy Dog: Thursdays, December 10, 17, 23 & 30 @ 4 pm

Read to Andy the Therapy dog, who promises to listen as you tell him a story. Jane Alkon, author of a book called *My Boy*, will make him available to children who are able to read. Register now. For children who can read.

Korean Culture Story Time: Thursday, Dec. 10 @ 7 pm

Have you ever come across a picture or two of Asian scenery and wondered where it was? If so, this is the program for you! It will provide an opportunity to learn the Korean heritage through the art of storytelling. No registration. All ages

Playtime at the Library: Friday, December 11 @ 10:15 am - Noon

Come and chat with other parents while the children make a craft and play. No registration required. All ages

"A Merry Christmas Caper": Saturday, December 12 @ 2 pm

Christmas Eve at the North Pole and Jingles, the chief elf, is overseeing the gifts to go into Santa's pack. The pack is stolen and Squeak the Christmas mouse must find who has it. Tickets available now. All ages

Light Bulb Lab: Friday, December 18 @ 10:30 am

Join our Light Bulb Lab! The lab meets once a month to conduct amazing fun science experiments. Registration begins on December 4. Limited space. Ages 3-5

Story Time with Mrs. Santa: Saturday, December 19 @ 11:15 am

Mrs. Santa shares wonderful jolly stories with us as we quickly approach the holidays. No registration necessary. All ages

Snow Spectacular: Saturday, December 19 @ 2 pm

The winter solstice is just days away. Come to the library to celebrate with snow and snowman themed stories and activities. Registration begins on December 4. Ages 7-12

Holiday Movie Madness: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 and 30 @ 2 pm

Celebrate the winter holidays with seasonal movies and yummy snacks. No registration. All ages

Troy Parks & Rec 248.524.3424

Frozen Noses Pajama Party

December 4 and December 11, 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Leave your chilly children with us while you make those holiday purchases. Kids will enjoy the frosty festivities, cool crafts, snowball snacks, and an arctic movie in our winter wonderland! Children must be potty trained. Includes pizza dinner, crafts, games and fun. Ages 3-5. **Fee: \$20 non-resident, \$18 resident.**

Parents Night Out

December 12 and January 9, 5:30 - 9:30 pm

While Mom and Dad have a night out, children 7-12 years old are invited to a "kids only" party at the Community Center. Enjoy pizza dinner, crafts, games, swimming and gym time. December theme is "Holiday Season." January theme is "Winter Blast." **Fee: \$18 non-resident, \$16 resident.**

Winter Break AquaCamps

December 21-23 and/or 28-30

This dynamic new camp for ages 6-13 includes crafts and games in the gym in the mornings and use of the pool and planned games in the pool in the afternoon. Before and after care available. **Fee: \$85 non-resident, \$80 resident; or \$155/\$150 for both weeks.**

Ski/Snowboarding Program Registration

Program Session starts January 8 and 9, for five weeks
Register by December 1, Troy Community Center

Learn a new sport and enjoy this winter by joining the Downhill Ski Program! Registration fee includes supervision, lessons and transportation. Programs available for grades 1-12. See www.troymi.gov, **Troy Today**, or stop by the Troy Community Center for program options and fees.

Family Nights at the Community Center

January 9, February 13, and March 20, 5-8 pm

Families are encouraged to visit the Community Center and recreate together in the gym and pool on select Saturdays of the month. The north court of the gym will be available for activities such as basketball at 8-foot goals, badminton, parachutes, an inflatable castle and more. In addition to the gym, the pool and teen room will be open for normal activities. **Members participate at no charge. Daily admission for two people is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.**

Rookie Basketball

Winter Session, January 16-March 13
Various schools

Introduce your kindergarten-third grader to basketball. This noncompetitive program stresses basic basketball skills along with developing sportsmanship and teamwork values. No standings are kept and lowered baskets and smaller-sized basketballs encourage children to be successful and develop sport confidence. Registration required. See www.troymi.gov/**Troy Today**, or stop by the Troy Community Center for complete list of sessions. Open to Troy residents only. **Fee: \$70.**

Floor Hockey

Winter Session, Saturdays, January 9-March 6
Larson Middle School

For boys and girls in grades K-4th. Floor hockey is easy and safe to play with specially designed equipment. Children stay physically active during the winter months while playing this fast-paced game. Registration required. See www.troymi.gov/**Troy Today**, or stop by Community Center for complete list of sessions. Open to Troy residents only. **Fee: \$66.**

Pre-Rookie Basketball Clinic

Saturday, January 9: K-1st, 9:30-11:30 am; 2nd-3rd, 12-2 pm
Thursday, January 14: K-1st, 6-7 pm; 2nd-3rd, 7-8 pm
Troy Community Center Gym

Get a head start on your season with three hours of clinical instruction. Designed to introduce and improve basketball fundamentals and techniques in the early elementary years, the clinic will provide fun and challenging instruction. Registration required. **Fee: \$22 non-residents, \$20 residents.**

Youth Yoga

Mondays, January 4-February 8

Ages 11-17, 7-8:15 pm; Ages 6-10, 5:45-6:45 pm

Troy Community Center

Two separate classes are offered, one for "teens" (ages 11-17) and one for "youth" (ages 6-10). Yoga helps children develop strong, flexible, healthy bodies, increased concentration and focus while building self-esteem and confidence. **Fee: \$54 non-residents, \$49 residents.**



Nature Center
248.524.3567

Geocaching for Beginners -- A Winter Treasure Hunt

Sunday, December 13, 1-3 pm, ages 8-adult

Geocaching, also called hi-tech outdoor treasure hunting, awaits you at the State Nature Center! Learn all about the basics of geocaching and using GPS units to find caches. Venture outside and navigate your way to caches hidden amongst the Nature Center trails. Bring your own GPS unit to the program (car models and cell phones with GPS navigation will work). You can also cache along with the instructor. Wear boots and bring a small toy or trinket to swap in each of the geocaches. Use this opportunity to search for "treasures" hidden in our serene winter wonderland! **Fee: \$10 residents; \$12 non-residents.**

Yoga, Naturally

Sundays, December 13-February 14, 1-2 pm, ages 12-adult
Janice Bahura will train you in the basics of Hatha Yoga, emphasizing postures found in nature. These 10 classes are for any level of student. Wear comfortable attire and bring a yoga mat. **Fee: \$101 residents; \$150 non-residents.**

3-D Holiday House

Saturday, December 19, 10 am-noon, ages 8-12

Celebrate this holiday season with a card made with all recycled materials! The card will be 3-D with a pop-up house complete with winter scene and glistening snow. There will even be a spot to put a special holiday photo! All materials will be provided including an envelope. **Fee: \$10 residents; \$12 non-residents.**

Little Acorns

Thursday, January 28, 10-11 am for ages 1-3; 1-2 pm, for ages 3-4

Come grow with us in nature! Explore the sights, smells, and sounds of winter and allow nature to awaken your child's senses through various activities in the out-of-doors. Dress for the weather as this program takes place outdoors. Please bring children in backpacks, strollers with large wheels, or sleds for snow! Adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program. **Fee: \$4 residents; \$6 non-residents.**



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